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SUBJECT: VISIT BY USDA CONSULTANT ROURK

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1. WELCOME ROURK VISIT. IDEALLY, IF HE WISHS MAKE SERIOUS INVESTIGATION LOCAL SITUATION, BELIEVE HE SHOULD SPEND LONGER TIME, BUT OBSERVE NEXT PLANE ABIDJAN AFTER 23RD NOT UNTIL 27TH. AT MINIMUM HOPE ROURK COULD DELAY DEPARTURE 23RD UNTIL UY 708 ETD DOUALA 1400 ETA ABIDJAN 1715, ENABLING HIM UTILIZE A.M. FRIDAY. IF HE ABLE SPEND UNTIL 27TH, THEN HE COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY VISIT YAOUNDE AND REVIEW CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PLANS GURC OFFICIALS, RESULTING MORE MEANINGFUL TRIP.

2. IF NOT ALREADY SEEN, APPRECIATE ROURK BEING SHOWN REFTEL B. ARABICA COFFEE MARKETED BY UNION DES COOPERATIVES DE CAFE ARABICA DE L OUEST (UCCAO) BAFOUSSAM (FIVE HOUR DRIVE) AND PRODUCE MARKETING ORGANIZATION (PMO) VICTORIA (ONE AND HALF HOUR DRIVE). ROBUSTA COFFEE MARKETED THROUGH CAISSE DE STABILISATION, DOUALA. NKONGSAMBA, MENTIONED REFTEL A, BASICALLY ROBUSTA AREA, IS ON BAFOUSSAM ROAD, BUT NO ONE THAT CITY IN POSITION SELL COFFEE OVERSEAS. THEREFORE, AT MINIMUM BELIEVE ROURK SHOULD VISIT DOUALA, BAFOUSSAM AND VICTORIA. THIS BARELY POSSIBLE TIME ALLOTED, BUT ONLY IF EVERYONE AVAILABLE AT EXACTLY RIGHT TIME. THIS ALMOST UNCLASSIFIED

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NEVER HAPPENS.

3. IF TIME AVAILABLE, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY KEY PEOPLE, WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAM: ROURK VISIT CAISSE AND PMO 20TH. HE COULD SPEND 21ST IN YAOUNDE WITH EMBASSY AND GURC OFFICILAS (MAINLY PRODUIT DE BASE) RETURNING DOUALA THAT EVENING. FRIDAY TRAVEL TO BAFOUSSAM. SATURDAY VISIT UCCAO OFFICIALS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS VISIT ARABICA COFFEE GROWING AREAS OVER WEEKEND (CAN PUT YOU IN CONTACT OFFICIALS DSCHANG ARABICA CENTER), RETURNING SUNDAY NIGHT OR MONDAY BY WAY ROBUSTA AREAS. TUESDAY DEPARTURE VIA RK 511 ETD 1030 ETA ABIDJAN 1531.

4. IF ROURK AGREEABLE, THEN I RECOMMEND HE FOLLOW PROGRAM OUTLINED 3 ABOVE. HE SHOULD BE ABLE ESTABLISH CONTACTS PRINCIPALS AND UNDERTAKE MORE MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT COFFEE PRODUCTION AND TRADE SITUATION. EXPANDED SCHEDULE PERMITS FLEXIBILITY FOR RESCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS IN EVENT PARTICULAR PERSON UNAVAILABLE AT EXACTLY RIGHT TIME. IN VIEW HISTORIC TIES OTHER COUNTRIES, IT IMPORTANT WE GIVE IMPRESSION OUR INTEREST THIS VITAL ECONOMIC SECTOR SERIOUS ENOUGH WARRANT CAREFUL STUDY. FYI: ALAN BORIES OF J. ARON, NEW ORLEANS SPENDING BETTER PART WEEK IN MARCH MAKE CONTACT EXPORTERS. BELIEVE SEVERAL VISITS MAKE BE NECESSARY IN ORDER OVERCOME NATURAL TENDENCY TOWARD CONTINUING HISTORIC TIES.

5. WITH RESPECT VEHICLES, TAXIES AVAILABLE LOCALLY AND TO OTHER CITIES. HOWEVER, BELIEVE FOR VICTORIA-BAFOUSSAM TRIP RENTAL CAR BEST SOLUTION. ESTIMATED COST FOUR DAYS 300 DOLLARS, INCLUDING DRIVER. CONSULATE WILL ATTEMPT ASSIST, BUT OUR RESOURCES EXTREMELY LIMITED.

6. WILL HOLD UP MAKING RESERVATIONS UNTIL ROURK RESPONDS ABOVE SUGGESTIONS. DOES HE SPEAK FRENCH?

7. EMBASSY YAOUNDE CONCURS.
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